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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 25 January 1980

[ ] The Director chaired the meeting. Mr. Carlucci was out of the city.

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McMahon highlighted reports that:

--Terrorists have targeted against 65 Americans or their facilities in Turkey. He expressed concern the Turkish [ ]

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--Cubans are using a commercial front in Panama to purchase oil drilling bits for eventual shipment to the Soviets. [ ]

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--Retired Major General Miyanaga, who is the principal in the current Japanese espionage case, states he became involved because, after a career in intelligence, espionage was the only skill he had. [ ]

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--The situation in El Salvador is critical. The Director commented that the SCC will be meeting on Monday and requested the DDO to provide information on what we have done in response to the related [ ]

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--Several reports are being received reflecting Cuban official anxiety and concern over developments in Havana. In response to the Director's query, [ ] said we had downplayed the significance of recent changes in the Cuban government. The Director asked that we review our appreciation of events there. [ ]

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--The internal situation in Nicaragua is critical. He added that the middle class Nicaraguans had been encouraged to stay in that country, but will undoubtedly depart. [ ]

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--Brazil and Argentina are reacting in a lukewarm way toward supporting sanctions against the Soviets. The Director noted that at today's SCC meeting the President's resolve to maintain sanctions was emphasized. [ ]

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Fitzwater reported that approximately [ ] new Career Trainees are ready to commence their training. He recalled the Director's appreciation of the high quality of those he had lunched with, and the Director noted that there was some concern that the facilities and instructors were overloaded. McMahon mentioned that he thought this had been resolved by instituting three instead of two courses per year. [ ]

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Lipton said his office was proceeding to prepare for the 31 January DDCI testimony before the HPSCI on the budget. [ ]

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Davis, for NFAC, said [ ] and a group of specialists had briefed Clark Clifford who will be going to India as a Special Emissary. [ ]

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In response to Hitz's query, the Director approved McMahon's suggestion that [ ] cover only three of the four remaining Findings on 30 January before HPSCI. The remaining one will await Mr. Carlucci's return. In response to McMahon's expressed concern, Hitz will caution the HPSCI via [ ] to stop discussing Presidential Findings with uncleared people at State. [ ]

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Hitz advised that there was no requirement for the Director to participate in the 1600 briefing tomorrow of Senator Kennedy on the situation in Afghanistan and Iran. The Director will not attend. [ ]

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In response to the Director's query, Silver said there had been no new developments at Justice with regard to a counterclaim against Agee. Silver will check further and advise. The Director noted his intention to query the Attorney General Monday. [ ]

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In response to the Director's query as to when new Charter Legislation will be prepared for forwarding to the NSC, Silver said he and Hitz need to discuss with the Director about this. A lengthy discussion followed. The Director emphasized the need to develop the Administration's bill and get it to the Vice President and then vent with Congress. [ ]

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Wortman said the new building providing 85,000 square feet of space will be in the vicinity [ ]

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The Director said that via Lloyd Cutler, the President has expressed some concern over the quantity of Presidential findings. He asked McMahon to keep this in mind and consolidate future ones if feasible. [ ]

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The Director noted the President's encouraging words about the importance of intelligence during his State of the Union address. He said he had asked Hetu to obtain the exact language, which differed from the advance text, for inclusion in a Director's Note. [ ]

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Hitz agreed with the Director's observation that yesterday's testimony before the House Armed Services Committee went well. He noted that no one spoke against amending the Hughes-Ryan Amendment. In response to the Director's query, Hitz said there was no substantial difference between the Moynihan and McClory Bills containing language for a Hughes-Ryan modification. 25X1

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